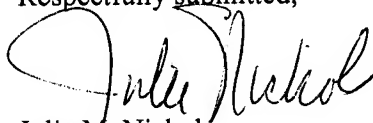


REMARKS

Originally, claims 1-45 were pending, of which claims 13, 14, 17, 20, 22-26, 30-37, 39, 41-43 have been withdrawn for being directed to a non-elected invention or species.

Applicant elects Group I, which includes claims 1-32 and 38-45. The Applicant further elects the embodiment of Species 1 as seen in Figures 2a, 2b, and 3. Please note that Figures 2b and 3 are alternate views of the embodiment of Figure 2a. The Applicant further elects the embodiment in which the elastomer comprises polyurethane. This species includes claims 1-12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 27-29, 38, 40, 44, and 45. It is understood that each of the claims 1-12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 27-29, 38, 40, 44, and 45 are generic in that the claims read on the elected species and at least one other species. It is further understood that additional species will be elected upon the allowance of a generic claim.

Respectfully submitted,

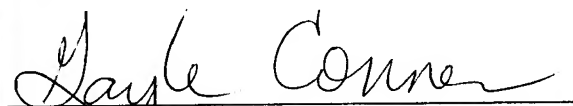


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